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July 17, 2020

Honorable Jesse M. Furman  
 United States District Court Judge  
 Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
 40 Centre Street, Room 2202  
 New York, NY 10007

The Court sees no need to hold a conference just for Defense counsel to ask for an adjournment. Accordingly, the conference is hereby ADJOURNED to September 14, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate Doc. 418. SO ORDERED.

Re: United States v. Garcia, No. 1:13-cr-00143

Dear Judge Furman:



July 20, 2020

I am counsel initially appointed by Your Honor under the Criminal Justice Act to represent Mr. Brian Garcia in the above-captioned case. As the Court is aware, the June 9, 2020 summons for alleged violations of supervised release conditions set the initial appearance for July 27, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. (the “July 27 Conference”).

In accordance with the June 24, 2020 Amended Standing Order of Chief Judge McMahon of the Southern District of New York as well as other guidance, announcements, and standing orders of the Southern District of New York regarding COVID-19, I respectfully request, on behalf of Mr. Garcia and with Mr. Garcia’s consent, that the Court hold the July 27 Conference remotely through a telephonic conference. Mr. Garcia has limited access to internet and video capabilities and is therefore respectfully requesting a telephonic conference rather than a video conference.

Based upon conversations with my client Mr. Garcia, I understand that his state court appearance for the May 12, 2020 arrest, which resulted in a desk appearance ticket and is part of the underlying violation report, is on September 9, 2020. As a result, I intend to request at the July 27 Conference that the Court adjourn the case until after this appearance date so that the parties and the Court will have a better sense of the potential disposition of the May arrest.

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I have conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Edward Diskant, who has no objections to the conference occurring via video or teleconferencing, and I understand that AUSA Diskant will consent to this adjournment request.

Respectfully,

/s/ Victor L. Hou

Victor L. Hou

cc: Assistant United States Attorney Edward Diskant (by email)  
Joseph Perry (by email)